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Subject: FW: Meeting request re ethylene oxide at sterilizer plant in Laredo, TX

Dear Team,

If a trip has not already been planned to Laredo, then the letter below offers me a good opportunity to visit and open up a line of communication with this community (one of my priorities), be transparent about the risk they face (another one of my priorities), and explain what EPA can and cannot do about it (another of my priorities).

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Good afternoon Dr. Nance,

I am writing on behalf of the Rio Grande International Study Center in Laredo, TX to see if it would be possible to schedule a meeting with you to discuss concerns residents have had with a commercial sterilizer in their community?

As you know, in March 2020, EPA's Inspector General issued a report on EPA's failure to conduct community outreach to residents living near high-risk ethylene oxide emitting facilities. This list included the Midwest Sterilization facility in Laredo, TX. While EPA Region 6 has conducted outreach at some of these facilities, it still has not conducted the requested outreach in Laredo, TX, despite the community's concern.

Would it be possible to schedule a meeting with you to discuss this issue, and other concerns related to this facility, the week of May 23rd?

Sincerely,

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